(b) if so, what are the names of the agencies investigating the financial irregularities/fraud; and

(c) what is the present status of the cases and under which sections of IPCs they are being prosecuted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Kisan Credit Cards

1445. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Kisan Credit Cards issued to the farmers in Assam till June, 2003;

(b) the district-wise details of Kisan Credit Cards to be issued to the farmers during 2003-04; and

(c) the details of target set by Government in this respect and what steps are being taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) The total number of Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) issued in the State of Assam since inception of the scheme till June, 2003, is 61793.

(b) and (c) The district-wise number of KCCs to be issued to the farmers in Assam during 2003-04 are given in the enclosed statement. (*see* below). Government has directed that all the eligible farmers should be covered under the KCC Scheme by 31st March, 2004. In order to achieve this objective, Reserve Bank of India (RBI)/National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have advised Commercial, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks to set branch-wise targets for issuing KCCs and to monitor the progress periodically. Government, RBI and NABARD are also monitoring the implementation of the Scheme as per an Action Plan prepared to cover all eligible farmers by 31.3.2004.

Statement

District-wise target of Kisan Credit Cards to be issued to the farmers in Assam for the year 2003-04

S.No.	Name of District	Target for 2003-04
1.	Goalpara	8,600
2.	Dhubri	10,800
3.	Bongaigaon	5,340
4.	Kokrajhar	6,960
5.	Barpeta	7,000
6.	Nalbari	8,200
7.	Kamrup	15,240
8.	Darrang	10,700
9.	Sonitpur	12,600
10.	Morigaon	8,520
11.	Nagaon	16,300
12.	Golaghat	9,740
13.	Sibsagar	8,500
14.	Jorhat	11,600
15.	Lakhimpur	6,800
16.	Dhemaji	5,740
17.	Tinsukhia	5,600
18.	Dibrugarh	7,600
19.	Cacher	10,840
20.	Hailakandi	4,900
21.	Karbi Anglong	7,320
22.	Karimganj	2,600
23.	North Cachar Hills	2,600
	TOTAL:	2,00,000